MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : As a matter of fact, the action that is now proposed to be taken will go a great way in relieving that inconvenience.

Conversion of Shertallai into a municipal town.

31. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the necessity of converting Shertallai into a municipal town?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The proposal was dropped.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know from the member from whom the proposal originated?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : There was a conference at Bhaktivilas in March 1931 to consider the question of the organization of Village Panchayats in the State. In that conference this question was mooted and after that the Government asked the Sanitary Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, whether there was any necessity to have a Municipality at Shertallai. On the opinion of the Dewan Peishkar and the Sanitary Commissioner the Government decided that the matter may be dropped.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Was there any proposal from the local Tahsildar?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes; but it was not a proposal exactly. In answer to the question raised by the Dewan Peishkar, the Shertallai Tahsildar submitted a report on that question.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Was the question ever brought before the Assembly or the Council before this?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I have no information about that.

Action on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

32. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state, giving details, what action, if any, has been taken by them on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee since the last meeting of the Legislative Council?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The information asked for from certain officers of Government, as a preliminary to the further action contemplated, is being awaited.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : The answer to my question is that the opinion asked for from certain officers of Government is being awaited. May I know who these "certain officers of Government" are and what their opinion is?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Governmnet*) : The Land Revenue Commissioner has been addressed in regard to the amendment of the Remission Rules so as to make it more elastic to cover the cases recommended by the Committee. That is one reference.

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